

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Applicant gratefully notes the allowance of claims 20-27 and 49-52.

Claims 28-36 and 39-46 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Wehl et. al., No. 3,443,259. In addressing Applicant's remarks distinguishing the cited art in the previously submitted response, the Examiner has indicated that the independent claims 28 and 39 do not "explicitly articulate" that the countercontact that is in direct electrical contact with the movable contact element of the switching mechanism (below the response temperature of the switching mechanism) is part of the device, as opposed to the switching mechanism. Applicant has amended both claims 28 and 39 to expressly recite this point.

Accordingly, all claims of the application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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